

CIRILO RAAGAS COSTA AND WILMA RAAGAS COSTA

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Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
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REPORT

[To accompany S. 98]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 98) for the relief of Cirilo Raagas Costa and Wilma Raagas Costa, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to facilitate the admission into the United States of the adopted children of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiaries of the bill are sisters, aged 12 and 16, who were born in the Philippines. Their natural mother is the adoptive mother's niece. Cirilo was adopted July 28, 1979, and Wilma was adopted October 10, 1980. Their natural parents consented to the adoption due to financial hardship. The children will be given the love and care of two devoted persons. A favorable home study has been submitted.

The following information with reference to the case was contained in Senate Report No. 97-602 in connection with S. 1513 and contained in Senate Report No. 98-322 in connection with S. 353.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, DC, December 7, 1981.

A23-111-575.

A23-111-576.

Hon. STROM THURMOND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 1513) for the relief of Wilma Raagas Costa and Cirilo Raagas Costa, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiaries.

The bill would provide that the 16-year-old and 12-year-old beneficiaries of Richard G. Costa and Evangeline M. Costa may be classified as children and granted immediate relative status. The bill further provides that the natural parents, brothers, or sisters of the beneficiaries shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act. It should be noted that the beneficiaries are not in the United States.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiaries, natives of the Philippines, are chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants.

Sincerely,

DAVID DIXON,
Executive Assistant
(For the Commissioner).

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE S. 1513

Information concerning this case was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Costa, the adoptive parents of the beneficiaries and interested parties.

The beneficiaries, Wilma Raagas Costa and Cirilo Raagas Costa, natives and citizens of the Philippines, were born on March 22, 1969, and September 8, 1973, respectively. They are the fourth and fifth child of Cirilo Fauste Raagas and Zenaida Ballesteros Tuscana Raagas, who are natives and citizens of the Philippines and reside there. The beneficiaries reside with their natural parents. On October 10, 1980, the beneficiary Wilma Raagas Costa was adopted by the interested parties in Family Court, Second Circuit, Wailuku, Maui, State of Hawaii. The beneficiary Cirilo Raagas Costa was adopted by the interested parties in Municipal Court of Dingras, Ilocos Norte, Republic of the Philippines on July 28, 1979, by proxy. Although the beneficiaries were adopted before their 14th birthdays, they have not met the residency requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act for the required 2 years. The interested parties state that they adopted the beneficiaries because they feel that they are too old to conceive

children of their own and because the natural parents cannot support their large family. The natural mother of the beneficiaries is Mrs. Costa's niece. Mrs. Costa has known the beneficiaries since their birth. Mr. Costa has never met the beneficiaries.

Mr. Costa, whose full name is Richard Gonsalves Costa, a native and citizen of the United States, was born January 28, 1921. He completed 8 years of elementary school in Hawaii and is currently employed as a harvester driver for the Maui Land & Pineapple Co. in Kahului, Hawaii. Mr. Costa earns \$300 per week.

Mrs. Costa whose full name is Evangeline Menor Costa, a native of the Philippines and citizen of the United States was born on January 16, 1932. She entered the United States as an immigrant on December 29, 1971, and became a naturalized citizen on January 20, 1980. She completed 4 years of elementary school in the Philippines and is currently employed as a pineapple picker for Maui Land & Pineapple Co. in Kahului, Hawaii. She earns \$175 per week.

The interested parties were married on April 30, 1977, in Wailuku, Hawaii. Mrs. Costa was married once previously to a member of the U.S. Navy. She resided with her former husband in San Diego, Calif., until November 1973 when she divorced him. There were no children from this marriage. The interested parties claim assets of about \$750,000 in real estate holdings and personal property. They have no liabilities.

The interested parties have stated that their plans for the beneficiaries are to provide for their education so that they may better themselves and become citizens of the United States.

On April 1, 1982, the Department of State submitted a report on this bill which reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, DC, April 1, 1982.

Hon. STROM THURMOND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In reference to your request for a report concerning the case of Cirilo Raagas Costa and Wilma Raagas Costa, beneficiaries of S. 1513, 97th Congress, there is enclosed a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiaries. This memorandum has been submitted by the United States Embassy at Manila, Philippines, in whose consular jurisdiction the beneficiaries reside.

The bill would provide for the beneficiaries' classification as children and for granting of immediate relative status upon approval of a petition filed by Richard G. Costa and Evangeline M. Costa, American citizens. It also provides that the natural parents, or brothers, or sisters of the beneficiaries shall not by virtue of such

relationship, be accorded any right, privilege or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

With cordial regards.

Sincerely,

POWELL A. MOORE,
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations.

Enclosures.

(Submitted by the American Embassy at Manila, Philippines)

**MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION CONCERNING S. 1513, 97TH
CONGRESS FOR THE RELIEF OF CIRILO RAAGAS COSTA AND
WILMA RAAGAS COSTA**

Wilma Raagas Costa was born Wilma T. Raagas, on March 2, 1969, at Dingras, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. Cirilo Raagas Costa was born Cirilo Raagas, Jr., on September 8, 1973, also at Dingras, Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

They are the legitimate children of the spouses Cirilo F. Raagas and Zenaida B. Tuscano. Mr. and Mrs. Raagas have four other children, ages 3 to 14. Mr. and Mrs. Raagas and all six children reside at Barangay Dancel, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Mr. Raagas is a tenant farmer, although he has about one-half hectare of farmland of his own planted with rice, garlic, and mung beans. Mrs. Raagas is a housewife. Mr. Raagas' income from tenant-farming and his small farm lot cannot support his family, forcing him to rely upon relatives for financial assistance.

The beneficiaries were legally adopted by the spouses Richard and Evangeline Costa, Cirilo at Dingras, Ilocos Norte as evidenced by an order of adoption granted on July 28, 1979, by the Fifth Municipal Circuit Court at Dingras, Ilocos Norte, and Wilma at Wailuku, Hawaii as shown by decree of adoption issued by the Second Circuit Court of the State of Hawaii on November 24, 1980, effective as of October 29, 1980. Cirilo is in the second grade while Wilma attends sixth grade, both at a local public elementary school.

Evangeline Costa is an aunt of Mr. Raagas, being a sister of his mother. She immigrated to the United States in the early 1970's and married her present husband, Richard Costa, about 4 years ago. Both Mr. and Mrs. Costa are U.S. citizens, Mrs. Costa through naturalization. They have no children of their own. Mr. Costa, whom Mr. Raagas believes to be of Portuguese extraction, has never visited the Philippines. The decision to adopt the beneficiaries was made after Mrs. Costa's visit to the Philippines in December 1978. Mr. and Mrs. Costa are residents of Hawaii and live on the island of Maui. They are regular and permanent employees of an agricultural plantation, and send money each month to Mr. Raagas for the support of the beneficiaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Raagas consented to and irrevocably released the beneficiaries for adoption by the Costas as they

are unable to adequately provide for the needs of their family. They believe that the adoption is in the best interests of the beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries are not registered as intending immigrants and have never applied for visas of any kind. They would be chargeable to the annual foreign state limitation for the Philippines if registered for immigration subject to such limitation.

As the beneficiaries are minors, police and security agency checks are not required. Medical examination reports show them to be free from any physical defect, disease, or disability.

Enclosures: Court adoption orders.

STATE OF HAWAII	
In the Matter of the Adoption of	
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DEGREE OF ADOPTION	DEGREE OF ADOPTION
DATE OF HEARING: 11/12/80	DATE OF HEARING: 11/12/80
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OF DECISION	OF DECISION
NAME OF CHILD AS LISTED BY	NAME OF CHILD AS LISTED BY
DOCTOR:	DOCTOR:
HILMA WADAR COSTA	HILMA WADAR COSTA
PETERSONS	

DEGREE OF ADOPTION	
The petition for adoption of the above-named child by the above-named petitioner was on November 12, 1980, as heard on the date above set before a Judge of the above-named Court and	
The findings and decision of the Court, including the legal names of the child and the child's legal parents, being seen entered in the records of this Court, and	
THEREFORE TO SAY FURTHER AND DECISION, WHICH ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS ORDER, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:	
That as of October 28, 1980, the date of the filing of the petition for adoption, the said child be deemed to be the adopted child of the petitioner herein.	
I hereby certify that this is a full and true correct copy of the Original.	
Clerk Court, Honolulu	

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CLERK

FAMILY COURT, SECOND CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Adoption

ADOPTION NO. 1747

of

DECREE OF ADOPTION

A FEMALE MINOR CHILD, born
on March 22, 1969

Date of hearing: 11/14/80

by

Effective date
of decree 10/29/80

RICHARD GONSALVES COSTA

and

Name of child as fixed by
decree:

EVANGELINE BALLESTEROS

MENOR COSTA

husband and wife,

WILMA RAAGAS COSTA

Petitioners.

DECREE OF ADOPTION

The petition for adoption of the above-identified child by the above-named petitioners having come on regularly to be heard on the date above set forth before a Presiding Judge of the above-entitled Court; and

The Findings and Decision of the Court, including the legal names of the child and the child's legal parents, having been entered in the record of this proceeding; now, therefore,

PURSUANT TO SAID FINDINGS AND DECISION, WHICH ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DECREE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

That as of October 29, 1980, the date of the filing of the petition for adoption, the said child is decreed to be the adopted child of the petitioners herein:

I hereby certify that this is a full, true and correct copy of the Original.

R. Menz
Clerk, Circuit Court, Second Circuit

That from and after said effective date, for all purposes, the said adopted child and said adopting parents shall sustain towards each other the legal relationship of parents and child and shall have all the rights and be subject to all the duties of that relationship, the same as if said child were the natural child of said adopting parents; and all such duties and rights as between said child and any other person having a legal parental relationship to said child shall be deemed to have ceased:

That the name of said child shall be that above set forth; and

That this Decree shall take effect as of the effective date above set forth.

DATED: Wailuku, Hawaii, APR 24 1990

/s/ KASE HIGA (SEAL)

JUDGE OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT

Republic of the Philippines
City of Manila
Embassy of the United States of America

I, the undersigned consular officer of the United States of America, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original/copy this day submitted to me for examination. I have carefully examined the original/copy and found it to be a true and correct copy of the original for figure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and placed the seal of the American Consular Service at the City of Manila, Philippines, this 1 day of MAR, 1982.

[Signature]
Vice Consul of the United States
of America

Child: (legal name, sex, date & place of birth; Cer. No., Exhibit):

Wilma Tuscano Raagas, Female, Born on March 22, 1969 at Barrio Dancel, Dingras, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. Birth Certificate for the child is attached as Exhibit 3 to Petition for Adoption.

Mother: Name: Zenaida Ballesteros Tuscano Raagas

Name At Child's Birth: Zenaida Ballesteros Tuscano Raagas

Marital Status Then: Married

Present Parental Status: Married

Father: Name: Cirilo Fauste Raagas

Present Parental Status: Married

Placement Of Child Effected By Other Than Own Parent:

Name Of Placing Agent _____

Date Of Placement With Petitioners _____

Petitioners: Relationship To Child: Granduncle and Granddaughter

Present Marital Status: Married To Child's Parent

Married To Co-Petitioner.. X

An Adult.....

Consent To Adoption: (Note: A given consent is received in evidence as an exhibit. An asterisk (*) indicates that consent of the party is not required for the reason set out on the next page.)

Mother, Exhibit 5

Father, Exhibit 4

Child:

Age 11, EX. 6

Legal Custodian:

Exhibit.....

Legal Guardian, Exhibit _____

Court w/juris., Exhibit _____

Other (specify): _____

_____, Exhibit _____

Other Exhibits Received In Evidence:

Marriage Certificate For The Petitioners.....Exhibit 1
 Medical Certificate For The Child.....Exhibit 2
 Selection And Approval Of Petitioners.....Exhibit 3
 Report Of Social Agency.....Exhibit 4
 Divorce Decree.....Exhibit 5

Jurisdiction: ☒ Petitioners Reside In This Circuit.
☐ Military Service In This Circuit.
☐ Child Reside Or Born In This Circuit.
☐ Child-Placing Organization Located In This Circuit.

Child's Name To Be Fixed By Decree: WILMA RAAGAS COSTA

Effective Date of Decree: October 29, 1980

IT IS THE FURTHER FINDING OF THE COURT that all outstanding parental rights in and to said child, inconsistent or incompatible with the adoptive parental rights prayed for in the petition on file herein, should be terminated; that the child is adoptable under the provisions of Chapter 578 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and that all statutory requirements relating to adoption have been complied with; that the child is physically, mentally and otherwise suitable for adoption by each petitioner above-named; that each said petitioner is a fit and proper person and is financially and otherwise able to provide proper care for said child, and that the adoption will be for the best interests of the child.

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE FOREGOING FINDINGS, IT IS THE DECISION OF THE COURT that a Decree of Adoption as prayed for in the petition, which shall terminate all outstanding parental rights in and to said child inconsistent or incompatible with the adoptive parental rights acquired by said petitioners through this adoption, and which shall set forth the child's name to be fixed by such decree, will be signed upon presentation and shall take effect as of the date above set forth.

IT IS THE FURTHER DECISION OF THE COURT that the best interests of the child require that the Clerk of the Court certify and issue:

3 copies of the Decree of Adoption to the attorney of record;
 _____ of the Decree of Adoption to the social agency which filed the adoption report in this proceeding;
 and

3 copies of the Findings and Decision of the Court to the attorney, in addition to the attorney's file copy.

DATED: Wailuku, Hawaii, 1974

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JUDGE OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT



Republic of the Philippines)
 City of Manila : SS:
 Embassy of the United States of America)

I, Barbara Belaito, Consul

of the United States of America at Manila, Philippines, duly commissioned
 and qualified, do hereby certify that

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whose true signature and official seal are, respectively, subscribed and
 affixed to the foregoing ~~instrument~~ certificate (document), was on the
 23rd day of June, 19 81, the date
 hereof, Asst. Municipal Treasurer & O.I.C., Municipal Treasurer's
Office, Dingras, Ilocos Norte, Philippines

whose official acts, faith and credit are due.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the
 of the American Consular Services at Manila, Philippines, this
 2nd day of March, 19 82

Barbara Belaito
 Barbara Belaito
 Consul

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE
MUNICIPALITY OF DINGRAS

OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that according to the Register of Adoption of this Office, the following entries are shown:

Register No.	10
Date of Registration:	8/6/79
Name of adopted Child:	CIRILO COSTA
Date of Birth:	September 8, 1973
Name of adopting father:	Richard Costa
Name of adopting mother:	Evangeline M. Costa
Sp. Proc. No.	Sp. Proc. No. 560-D
Name of Court:	Fifth Mun. Circuit Court Dingras-Marcos
Remarks:	Adoption of Minor Approved 7/28/79

ISSUED this 23rd day of June 1981 at Dingras, Ilocos Norte
with the seal of this Office duly affixed.

Adm. A. ESTA
Actg. Local Civil Registrar

CHECKED BY:

Emilia A. Mercado
EMILIA A. MERCADO
Clerk

O.E.No. 0871244
Date issued: 6/23/81

Copy for Petitioner
Mrs. Mrs. Richard Costa

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE
 PAMPAN MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT COURT
 BANGORAS-MALABOG

IN RE PETITION FOR THE
 ADOPTION OF THE MINOR
 CIRILO T. RANGAS, JR.

GP. PROC. NO. 560-D

EVANGELINE M. COSTA &
 RICHARD C. COSTA,
 Petitioners.

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ORDER

The petitioner Evangelina M. Costa for herself and in behalf of her husband Richard Costa, resident of Maui, Hawaii, USA and temporarily residing at Brgy. Pancel, Dingras, Ilocos Norte, filed a petition through their lawyer asking for leave to adopt the minor Cirilo Rangas, Jr., son of the spouses Cirilo Rangas Sr. and Benita Tuscana Rangas, residents of Dingras, Ilocos Norte, who was born on September 8, 1973.

The petitioners alleged in their petition that they are husband and wife, having been married on April 1977 but have no children of their own yet; that they would like to have a child of their own so that they could show love and affection like natural parents do; that in the fulfillment of this desire and that during her temporary stay in the Philippines, she has developed love and care for Cirilo Rangas Jr. as she stays in the same house with them now. That the parents of the minor have given their consent to this adoption; that the petitioner are morally and financially capable to support the education of the minor Cirilo Rangas Jr.; that the petitioners have never been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude nor violated any laws in the Philippines and they proved that

they will never cease to support and maintain the minor to live comfortably.

The petitioners were represented by Atty. Mariano Salupta Jr. during the hearing of this case. The first witness presented is Cirilo Raagas, Sr., father of the minor. In his testimony, he testified among others that he has given his consent to this adoption because he knows that Evangelina M. Costa, who is the sister of his wife and Richard Costa, can take care of Cirilo Jr. very well; that they are childless couple and he knows that the adoption is filed to fill the gap in the marriage life of the petitioners as they are childless and that they are desirous of rearing and caring for a child of their own; that the petitioners are both lucratively employed in the States of Hawaii, U.S.A., and that they can support and make Cirilo Jr. attain the best in education and the needs of life; that he knows that during her temporary stay in the Philippines, she has learned to love and care for the minor Cirilo Jr.

The next witness presented is Zenaida Tugano Raagas, mother of the minor. She testified that she has given her consent knowing fully that the adoption will serve to the best interest of Cirilo Jr. She knows how Evangelina Costa has given attention and affection to the minor when she was on vacation in the Philippines last December 1978 and January 1979, and that there is no end to the shower of love and affection for Cirilo Jr. She never entertained any doubt that this love and care has shown will not be forever continued.

The counsel for the petitioner presented the depositions of Evangelina Costa executed before Judge Mariano C.P. Gonzales.

times before she left for United States. She testified among others that she is very sincere in filing this petition and that since they do not have any children of their own, they would like to have a child so that they could give love and affection. They have long time wished to have a child but was not blessed with one, so they desire to adopt the minor Cirilo Jr. During her stay in the Philippines, she has developed love and care for Cirilo Jr. and that she knows that this will be the same love and care that she will give to Cirilo Jr. all throughout. That her filing of the petition is with the consent of her husband which she promised that she will send his ratification later when she arrives in the United States. The certificate

of Ratification of Richard Costa was presented, which is marked as Exhibit A-2, stating among others that she ratifies and conforms to all acts of Evangelina Costa with regard to the filing of this petition. The Home and Child Welfare report of the Social Worker of the Ministry of Social Services and Development recommending the approval of this petition was presented which is marked as Exhibit "J".

That there is no objection to this petition on the order of the Court dated December 28, 1978 marked as Exhibit "D" was fully posted in the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Hall and the Municipal Circuit Court of Dagupan, Ilocos Norte duly certified by the Clerk Stenographer of the Court which is marked as Exhibit "F".

As gathered from the testimony and evidence presented, the allegations in this petition are true and proven satisfactory; that the petitioner is financially and morally upright to mold the future of the adoptive minor.

and financially capable to support the education of the adoptive child Cirilo Jr.; that the petitioner has never been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude nor violated any laws in the Philippines and they agreed that

There being no opposition in spite of the requisite

publication of the adoption filed by Evangelina Costa and

Richard Costa, the petition is hereby GRANTED.

It is further ordered, that the minor Cirilo Rangel Jr., to all

interests and shall be considered the child of

Evangelina R. Costa and Richard Costa, M. Evangelina

Costa, and that the minor Cirilo Rangel Jr., and by having

my support for the adoption, the petition is hereby GRANTED.

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Senator Spark M. Matsunaga, the author of the bill, submitted the following information in support of his bill:

U.S. SENATE,
Washington, DC, September 3, 1981.

Re S. 1513, for the relief of Cirilo Raagas Costa and Wilma Raagas Costa.

Hon. ALAN K. SIMPSON,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Policy, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the above-referenced bill, which would classify Cirilo Raagas Costa and Wilma Raagas Costa as children under section 101(b)(1)(E) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and accord them status as immediate relatives in order that they may join their adoptive parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Costa of 9 Ai Street, Makawao, Maui, Hawaii 96768.

Mr. and Mrs. Costa legally adopted Cirilo on July 29, 1979, and Wilma on October 29, 1980. I have enclosed a copy of their adoption orders for the record. As you will note on the attached birth certificates, Cirilo was born on September 8, 1973, and Wilma on March 22, 1961, in Dancel Dingras, Ilocos Norte, Philippines, where they currently reside with their natural parents. Cirilo and Wilma are the natural children of Mrs. Costa's niece. Mrs. Costa has visited the children on two occasions during December 1978 and January 1979, and continues to help the children's family. The Costas have been married for 4 years, as indicated on their marriage certificate. Due to their advanced age, they do not expect to have children of their own. The natural parents of Cirilo and Wilma consented to the adoption due to financial hardship.

Mr. and Mrs. Costa are unable to meet the 2-year legal custody and residence requirements in order to obtain approved visa petitions to classify their children as immediate relatives. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the report from Mr. L.H. Dahlin, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Honolulu regarding the Costas' eligibility as adoptive parents. As indicated in the enclosed home study report from the State of Hawaii Department of Social Services and Housing, Mr. and Mrs. Costa are both employed by Maui Land & Co. Due to the demands of their employment, as well as their household obligations, and the pasture land and cattle farm they maintain, they are unable to satisfy the legal custody and residence requirements as adoptive parents. For the couple to separate in an attempt to meet the statute requirements, and sacrifice one source of income, would create unusual hardship both socially and financially.

The natural parents know that their children would be given true parental love, as well as sufficient financial support to provide for their needs, and a good education that they could never hope to equal. The Costas are understandably anxious to have their adopted children enrolled in an American school. They are aware of the fact that both Wilma and Cirilo are reaching the adolescent stage whereby the counsel of both parents and the security of a stable home are significant to their development and growth. The chil-

dren will no doubt be brought into a very comfortable home and given the love and care of two devoted parents.

S. 1513 will greatly enrich the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Costa, as well as that of their children. I therefore strongly urge that the bill be given prompt and favorable consideration.

Aloha and best wishes.

Sincerely,

SPARK MATSUNAGA.

COST

No cost would result from enactment of this bill.

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

In compliance with paragraph 11(b)(1), rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is hereby stated that the committee anticipates that the bill will have no additional direct regulatory impact, inasmuch as it affects just two individuals.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 98) should be enacted.

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